

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 281786
ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

66011

DRAFTED BY: ARA/CEN:LPFEIFLE

APPROVED BY: ARA/CEN:LPFEIFLE

S/S-O: LRFLEISCHER

-----101434 240723Z /12

O 240637Z NOV 77 ZFF5

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

INFO RUESGT/AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA IMMEDIATE 0459

AMCONSUL BELIZE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 281786

NODIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM KINGSTON NOV 22:

QUOTE S E C R E T KINGSTON 6995

NODIS

FOR ACTING SECRETARY HABIB

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PBOR, GT, UK, BH, JM

SUBJECT: BELIZE NEGOTIATIONS

REFERENCE: A. KINGSTON 6984 B. STATE 278703

1. PGIME MINISTER'S PERMANENT SECRETARY, GORDON WELLS,
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 281786

TELEPHONED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS AFTERNOON'S (NOVEMBER
22) MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER MANLEY AND PREMIER
PRICE TO ADVISE AS FOLLOWS: MANLEY CONVEYED (WITHOUT
ATTRIBUTION TO BRITISH OR TO US) CONSIDERATIONS CITED
REFTEL (B) ARGUING FOR PROMPT SETTLEMENT BELIZE QUESTION,
EVEN SHOULD THIS REQUIRE MINOR TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS
TO GUATEMALA. HOWEVER, MANLEY ALSO MADE CLEAR IT IS THE

JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT HOW PRICE AND BELIZE
HANDLE THIS QUESTION IS VERY MUCH A MATTER FOR BELIZE TO DECIDE.

2. ACCORDING TO WELLS, PRICE SAID THAT IT IS VERY
DIFFICULT TO CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT TO ANY TERRITORIAL
CONCESSION (APPARENTLY WSIDE FROM MINOR STRAIGHTENING OUT
OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY) OWING TO HIS OWN STRONG
FEELINGS BUT ALSO BECAUSE ANY TERRITORIAL CONCESSION
WOULD CAUSE HIM AN UNACCEPTABLE DEGREE OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL
DIFFICULTIES. MOREOVER, PRICE CLAIMED THAT A BASIC
POLITICAL PLANK OF HIS PARTY HAS ALWAYS BEEN "NOT AN
INCH OF TERRITORY" CAN BE CEDED TO GUATEMALA.

3. PRICE ALSO RAISED AS ANOTHER CONSIDERATION THAT A
TERRITORIAL CONCESSION TO GUATEMALA WOULD HAVE SERIOUS
IMPLICATIONS VIS-A-VIS OTHER BOUNDARY DISPUTES ELSEWHERE IN
LATIN AMERICA. PRICE ARGUED THAT, LIKE IN AFRICA, ANY TAMPERING
WITH BOUNDARIES IN ONE PLACE CAN RESULT IN AN ENDLESS SERIES OF
ACTIVE BOUNDARY PROBLEMS ELSEWHERE.

4. NONE THE LESS, WELLS SAID, PRICE VERY MUCH APPRECIATES
THE NEED TO MOVE AS QUICKLY TOWARD A SETTLEMENT AS POS-
SIBLE. WELLS DID NOT, HOWEVER, CONVEY ANY THOUGHTS OR
HOPES VIS-A-VIS SPECIFIC COMPROMISE POSSIBILITIES.

5. WELLS SAYS THAT PRICE PROBABLY WILL RETURN TO BELIZE
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 281786

TOMORROW.

6. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS AS APPROPRIATE TO OTHER INTERESTED
ADDRESSEES. IRVING UNQUOTE VANCE

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: BOUNDARY DETERMINATION, POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, NEGOTIATIONS, CAT-B, TERRITORIAL CLAIMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 24-Nov-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE281786
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: ARA/CEN:LPFEIFLE
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: N770008-0176
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 2
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771122/aaaaasnz.tel
Line Count: 98
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: ad713712-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: 77 KINGSTON 6984
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 463593
Secure: LOCK1
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BELIZE NEGOTIATIONS
TAGS: PBOR, GT, UK, BH, JM
To: GUATEMALA BELIZE MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/ad713712-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009